

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 92-579-S - ORDER NO. 92-937
OCTOBER 29, 1992

IN RE: Application of Carolina Water Service,)	ORDER
Inc. for Approval of Transfer of)	GRANTING
Wastewater System in Okatee Subdivision)	TRANSFER OF
in Berkeley County from Carolina Water)	SYSTEM AND
Service, Inc. to Berkeley County Water)	WAIVING NOTICE
and Sanitation Authority.)	AND HEARING

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the October 20, 1992 letter of Carolina Water Service, Inc. (CWS) of North Carolina which requests that this Commission approve the sale and transfer of the Okatee wastewater treatment system to the homeowners of Okatee, who will then donate the system to the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority (Berkeley). (This is, in effect, a sale of the Okatee system from CWS to Berkeley.) In addition, CWS requests a waiver of notice and a public hearing because of the "significant benefits gained by the customers from this transfer," primarily in the form of significantly reduced wastewater bills. This letter is filed pursuant to S.C. CODE ANN. §58-5-240 (1987, as amended) and R.103-821.

CWS encloses a copy of a Bill of Sale for Commission perusal. The Commission has studied this matter and believes that the transfer should be approved as requested and that both notice and

the public hearing should be waived, because of the significant benefits gained by the customers from this transfer in the form of significantly reduced wastewater bills.

The Commission is aware of numerous complaints from residents of the Okatee Subdivision of excessive wastewater treatment bills. The Commission is aware that a transfer to the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority of the system will result in bills to Okatee residents that will be substantially lower than those that they are presently receiving. Further, the Commission is aware that the majority of residents of Okatee approved and petitioned for an Ordinance to establish a tax district to facilitate this sale. The residents of Okatee are therefore already on notice of the proposed sale. Further, no hearing is necessary, since this matter does not result in a rate increase to the ratepayers. See, S.C. CODE ANN. §58-5-240 (1976, as amended).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The sale and transfer of the Okatee wastewater treatment system from Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina to the homeowners of Okatee, who will then donate the system to the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority is hereby approved as requested.

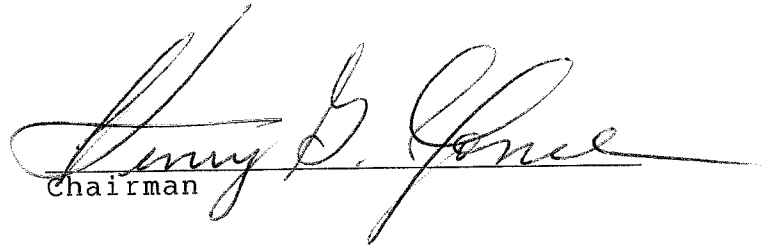
2. Notice is waived in this matter because of the participation of the majority of the residents of Okatee in the establishment of a tax district to finance the transfer as described above.

3. Hearing is waived due to the fact that the transfer will

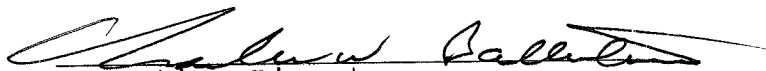
not result in a rate increase to the ratepayers.

4. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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